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Subject: RE: Kilchis River Success Story: future RECLASSIFICATION-related text

Hi Karla,

Thanks for the reminder. We make an effort to watch for that in the Success Stories process because it is a common misconception. We tend to use the phrase “removed from the state’s list of impaired waters,” or, less commonly, “classified as Category 1 or 2,” when something is moved from Category 4 or 5 into Category 1 or 2 because a standard is being met. I’m afraid I used the term delist too loosely in my earlier communication. I do understand the nuance. I’m sorry for the confusion.

Thanks,

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Hi Kary –

Just to reiterate this point, I suggest you are clear when you say “delisting” in your internal communications and write ups.

There is some confusion over the term “delisting”, so it should be used carefully and appropriately.

The “list” typically means the list of “Cat 5 Impaired waters needing TMDLs” or “303(d) list”.

“Delisting” refers to removing waters from the Cat 5 303(d) list. When DEQ proposes to “delist” we are removing waters from the 303(d) list, and putting them in another classification.

Most of Oregon’s “delistings” have been done because a TMDL is approved, and the water is reclassified as “Cat 4a: Impaired, TMDL not needed since TMDL is approved”.

“Delisting” is not a finding that water quality meets water quality standards.

When we move waters between any other classification category, we don’t “propose delisting”.

When we next assess the data for the Kilchis, the assessment may re-classify waters as “Cat 2: Attaining some standards”. This may move waters that are covered by the Tillamook TMDL and now classified as “Cat 4 Impaired but not needing a TMDL” into the Category 2. We will not be proposing “delistings” unless the water is on the 303(d) list.

Thanks.

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Hi Jayne,

York Johnson worked with other folks at Oregon DEQ to identify text that we can include in the Kilchis River success story to explain why two previously impaired segments on the river's main stem are meeting standards but are not yet proposed for delisting. I have incorporated the new text (highlighted in yellow, below) into the existing text in the results section of our draft story:

Data collected in partnership with local groups show that the Kilchis River main stem now meets recreational use standards for bacteria. TEP collects monitoring data in the Kilchis River watershed. Data show three stations (K4, K5 and K6) on the main stem have met the two-part recreational use water quality standard for *E. coli* bacteria since 2009. The data for station K4 (the station closest to the mouth of the river) are presented in Figure 3. Data from four additional monitoring stations on Kilchis River tributaries show significantly decreasing trends in bacteria. Previous DEQ assessments classified the river as an impaired water covered by the Tillamook Bay TMDL and restoration plans. Incorporating the recent data into DEQ's next assessment and reporting process will likely re-classify the Kilchis River as attaining Oregon standards for bacteria.

If this is acceptable to you, I will make this change to the story and will push it along to EPA HQ for layout and posting online on the Nonpoint Source Success Stories website.

Thanks,

Kary

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